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Istook Ranked Among Top 20 Conservatives in U.S. House

Washington, DC -- Congressman Ernest J. Istook, Jr. (R-OK) was ranked as the 17th most conservative Congressman in the U.S. House this week.

Annual rankings of all 535 members of Congress are determined by the National Journal Group, a Washington-based organization which offers a host of daily, weekly, and periodic publications covering Congress in-depth. Their recently-released report gave Congressman Istook an overall conservative score of 90.8, making him the 17th most conservative Congressman in the U.S. House.

“Some people call it conservative; I call it common sense,” said Istook of the ranking.

Istook received the highest conservative score among the Oklahoma House delegation as determined by votes cast during 2004. Congressman John Sullivan (R-OK) was next with 88.7. Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK) received a score of 77.0. Congressman Frank Lucas (R-OK) received 75.3. And former Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) received 48.7.

On the Senate side, former Senator Don Nickles (R-OK) received a score of 91.5 and Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) received an 86.0 overall conservative ranking.